

Long Way Down Town.

The season of Christmas gifts is not yet so far past that one does not still hear occasional complaints of the long distance one often has to travel before he finds what he wants. Getting to and from the stores consumes much of the time of the benevolent seeker for suitable presents. But everything is a matter of comparison, and the impatient shopper has but to read Nansen's "First Crossing of Greenland" to learn a lesson of content.

The shopping expedition of the east-coast Greenlander is no light matter of a day or a week. When the householder or snow-butterholder of the far north finds that his supplies are running low, he literally takes up his bed and with his wife and family, walks. He keeps on walking, summer and winter, for it takes him anywhere from one to two years to reach a settlement where there are stores.

Whole colonies often join in these pilgrimages from their northern dwelling-places, camping by the way as weather and inclination permit.

One would suppose that such protracted journeys would be followed by long stays at the place of business. Not so. The Eskimo spends little more time over the shopping for which he has come so far than does a bargain-hunter over her daily visit to the stores. Sometimes two hours finishes the transactions, and the purchaser will start on his long return journey northward. The fine bear and fox skins which he has brought with him are bartered for old European clothes, tobacco, old iron, and many articles not only valueless but actually injurious to the buyer.

A life which can afford a four years' shopping trip now and again does not present itself as particularly strenuous.

It is a pleasure to tell our readers about a Cough Cure like Dr. Shoop's. For years Dr. Shoop has fought against the use of Opium, Chloroform, or other unsafe ingredients commonly found in Cough remedies. Dr. Shoop, it seems, has welcomed the Pure Food and Drug Law, recently enacted, for he has worked along similar lines many years. For nearly 20 years Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure containers have had a warning printed on them against Opium and other narcotic poisons. He has thus made it possible for mothers to protect their children by simply insisting on having Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. Sold by All Dealers.

Torturing Sciatic.

A Severe Case Cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Fierce darting pains—pains like red hot needles being driven through the flesh—in the thigh; perhaps down the legs to the ankles—that's sciatica. None but the victim can realize the torture. But the sufferer need not grow discouraged for there is a cure—a sure cure in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These pills make new blood; this new blood feeds and strengthens the nerves and frees them from pain. The pain is banished to stay banished—the cure is complete. Mr. Chas. B. Maclean, a prosperous farmer near Brockville, Ont., has been cured of a severe case of sciatica and wishes other sufferers to hear of his cure that they may benefit by his experience. He says:—"For upwards of five years I was a periodical sufferer from sciatica. In the morning while getting up I would be seized with agonizing pains in my hips. Sometimes these pains extended down one leg, sometimes down the other; often down both. The pain was terrible. Imagine the agony caused by a red hot spike being driven through the flesh. That was just my feeling when the sciatica was at its worst. Often while carrying water to the horses the pain became so acute I had to drop the pail in the middle of the yard. I followed doctor's treatment but with slight relief. I then tried rheumatic plasters and liniments but these did not help me at all. Then I decided to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial. At first they did not seem to help me but as they had been so highly recommended I persisted in the treatment and gradually noticed a change in my condition. The pain became less severe, I felt stronger and my appetite improved. I think I used the pills about four or five months before I was completely cured, but though that was two years ago I have not since had the slightest return of sciatica. I think Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a marvellous medicine and so does my wife who used them as a blood builder. She says they have no equal and never wearies of praising them to her friends."

Good blood is the secret of health—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills the secret of good blood. That is why they cure sciatica, rheumatism, St. Vitus dance, heart palpitation, indigestion and the ailments common to women and growing girls. Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville Ont.

How He Lost His "Pull."

Everybody else in the block had been compelled to lay a good cement sidewalk in front of his house, but the man on the corner, through his influence with one of the aldermen of the ward, had been enabled to escape; and for two years pedestrians had stumbled over the dilapidated old board walk that still disfigured his part of the street.

At last he received a peremptory command from the authorities not to delay making the necessary improvement any longer, and he was notified that if he did not have the walk completed within a given time it would be laid by the city and the cost assessed against his property. In much perturbation of mind he hunted up the alderman.

"See here, McConnell," he said, "they're after me again about that sidewalk, and I'm not ready to build it yet. I'll have to ask you to get me off once more."

"I can't do anything for you this time, Cummings," said the alderman.

"Why not? You've always managed it easy enough before."

"I'll tell you why. It's because that I have found out that you've been bragging that you didn't have to lay that walk—you had a pull. On the score of friendship, and because you represented that you hadn't the money to spare, I have helped you to dodge your duty as a citizen for two whole years, but I won't do it any longer. You have pushed your 'pull' a little too far. You'll have to build that walk."

"But it'll cost me nearly a third more to do it now than it would have cost a year ago!"

"I'm glad it will," rejoined the alderman. "Good afternoon!"

PERLEY S. MARSTEN of Meductic has been appointed an issuer of marriage licenses.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL STATEMENT

—OF—

THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA.

To the Public:—

Deposits bearing interest	30th Dec., 1905.	31st Dec., 1906.
Deposits not bearing interest	\$14,822,644 82	\$17,407,740 29
Interest accrued on deposits	11,509,895 39	14,957,805 76
	103,118 56	99,139 53

Notes of the Bank in circulation	\$26,435,658 77	\$32,464,685 58
Balances due to other Banks in Canada	2,820,781 15	3,780,348 15
Balances due to Agencies of the Bank and other Banks in foreign countries ..	4,898 61	74,888 06
	542,323 26	571,643 43

To the Shareholders:—

Capital Paid Up	3,000,000 00	3,900,000 00
Reserve Fund	3,400,000 00	4,390,000 00
Dividend No. 73 (quarterly), at 9 per cent. ..	67,500 00	
Dividend No. 77 (quarterly, at 10 per cent.) payable Jan. 2nd, 1907		96,386 00
Former Dividends unclaimed	242 00	391 39
Rebate on Bills Discounted	65,000 00	85,000 00
Balance of profits carried forward	37,162 22	74,875 37

ASSETS.

Gold and Silver Coin	30th Dec., 1905.	31st Dec., 1906.
Dominion Government Notes	\$ 2,120,767 22	\$ 2,530,063 15
Deposit with Dominion Government for Security of note circulation	1,547,778 25	2,199,482 25
Notes of and cheques on other Banks	130,000 00	143,000 00
Balances due from other Banks in Canada	2,341,416 38	2,433,986 00
Balances due from Agents in Great Britain	188,694 45	278,482 62
Balances due from Agencies of the Bank and other Banks in foreign countries ..	38,043 13	568,862 94
British Consols (Present holding £300,000 at 80)	698,925 27	1,160,705 20
Other Government and Municipal Securities	1,241,000 00	1,168,000 00
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and stocks	2,295,607 86	2,473,921 92
Call and Short Loans on Stocks and Bonds	2,810,245 77	3,014,204 81
	4,977,434 82	5,609,388 19

Assets immediately available

Loans to Provincial Governments	\$18,398,913 15	\$21,578,097 08
Current Loans and Discounts		22,474 95
Overdue Debts (Loss provided for)	17,511,571 61	23,033,061 17
Bank Premises Account	8,361 49	3,996 01
Safes and Office Furniture	444,729 76	789,887 77
	10,000 00	10,000 00

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Net profits for the year, after deducting charges of management, and accrued interest on deposits, and after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, and for rebate on bills under discount	\$ 604,495 77
Premium on 9,000 shares of new stock at \$210 per share	990,000 00
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 31st Dec., 1905	37,162 22

Appropriated as follows:—

Dividend No. 74 (quarterly) 2-1-4 per cent.	68,577 11
Dividend No. 75 (quarterly) 2-1-4 per cent.	77,431 57
Dividend No. 76 (quarterly) 2-1-4 per cent.	82,387 94
Dividend No. 77 (quarterly) 2-1-2 per cent.	95,386 00
Transferred to Officers' Pension Fund	20,000 00
Written off Bank Premises Account	150,000 00
Appropriated in writing British Consols down to 80	73,000 00
Transferred to Reserve Fund	990,000 00
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward	74,875 37

RESERVE FUND.

Balance at credit 30th Dec., 1905	\$3,400,000 00
Premium on new stock	990,000 00

Balance at credit 31st Dec., 1906	\$4,390,000 00
Average paid up Capital \$3,531,469.00	
Profits for the year 17.11 per cent.	

EDSON L. PEASE, General Manager.

Accounts solicited. We will be pleased to interview or correspond with anyone desiring to open an account. We particularly call attention to our Savings Bank Department, in which deposits of one dollar and upwards are received, and interest is allowed thereon at the highest current rate and compounded half-yearly. W. DICKINSON, Manager, Woodstock Branch.

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W. H. SCOVIL, Manager.

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GEORGE DURRELL GRIMMER,
Dec. 12, 3 mos. St. Andrews.

WANTED.

A first class stove fitter. Apply to SMALL & FISHER Co. Ltd., at once.

GIRL WANTED

To do general housework. Apply to MRS. T. C. L. KETCHUM, Connell street.
Nov. 23.

Dear Sir,

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Yours truly,

F. L. MOOERS,
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